Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing Of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An image verification apparatus comprising:

a verification unit ~~adapted to verify~~ which verifies whether a digital image included in an image file has been altered; and

a display form change unit ~~adapted to change~~ which changes a display form of ~~accessory~~ additional information [[of]] included in the image file [[when]] if said verification unit verifies that the digital image ~~file is detected to have~~ has been altered.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The image verification apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said display form change unit ~~includes unit adapted to erase~~ avoids displaying the ~~accessory~~ additional information ~~of the image file~~ if said verification unit verifies that the digital image has been altered.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The image verification apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said display form change unit ~~includes unit adapted to add~~ displays a predetermined sign [[to]] with the ~~accessory~~ additional information ~~of the image file~~ if said verification unit verifies that the digital image has been altered.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The image verification apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the ~~accessory~~ additional information ~~contains~~ includes information [[on]] relating to the image file.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The image verification apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the ~~accessory~~ additional information ~~contains~~ includes information [[on]] relating to an apparatus which [[has]] generated the image file.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The image verification apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said verification unit ~~includes unit adapted to detect~~ verifies whether the digital image [[file]] has been altered, [[by]] using a common key of common key cryptography.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The image verification apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said verification unit ~~includes unit adapted to detect~~ verifies whether the digital image [[file]] has been altered, [[by]] using a public key of public key cryptography.

Claim 8 (currently amended): ~~An image verification~~ A method of displaying additional information included in an image file, said method comprising the steps of:

~~a verification step of~~ verifying whether [[an]] a digital image included in the image file has been altered; and

~~a display form change step of~~ changing a display form of ~~accessory~~ the additional information [[of]] included in the image file [[when]] if it is verified in said verifying step that the digital image ~~file is detected to have~~ has been altered.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The method according to claim 8, ~~wherein the display form change step includes a~~ further comprising the step of:

~~erasing~~ avoiding displaying the ~~accessory~~ additional information ~~of the image file~~ if it is verified in said verifying step that the digital image has been altered.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The method according to claim 8, ~~wherein the display form change step includes a~~ further comprising the step of:

~~adding~~ displaying a predetermined sign [[to]] with the ~~accessory~~ additional information ~~of the image file~~ if it is verified in said verifying step that the digital image has been altered.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The method according to claim 8, wherein the ~~accessory~~ additional information ~~contains~~ includes information [[on]] relating to the image file.

Claim 12 (currently amended):   The method according to claim 8, wherein the ~~accessory~~ additional information ~~contains~~ includes information [[on]] relating to an apparatus which [[has]] generated the image file.

Claim 13 (currently amended):   The method according to claim 8, wherein ~~the verification step includes a step of detecting whether the image file has been altered, by using~~ a common key of common key cryptography is used to verify whether the digital image has been altered.

Claim 14 (currently amended):   The method according to claim 8, wherein ~~the verification step includes a step of detecting whether the image file has been altered, by using~~ a public key of public key cryptography is used to verify whether the digital image has been altered.

Claim 15 (canceled).

Claim 16 (canceled).

Claim 17 (currently amended):   The image verification apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the additional information includes a thumbnail image of the digital image.

Claim 18 (currently amended):   The method according to claim 8, wherein the additional information includes a thumbnail image of the digital image.